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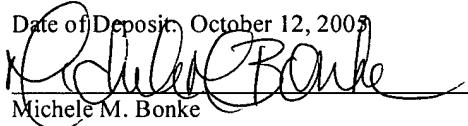
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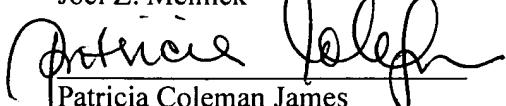
Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled: SHORTENING OF HOSPITAL STAY AND IMPROVING SURVIVAL IN PATIENT IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE are the following:

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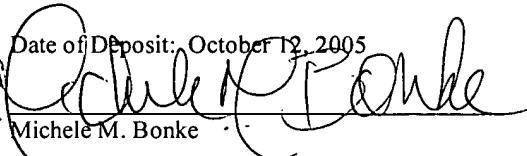
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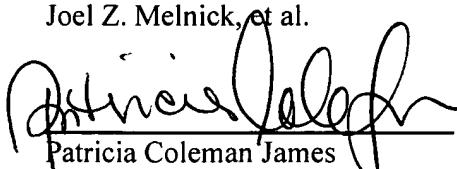
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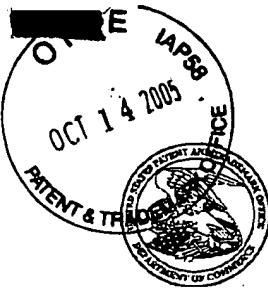
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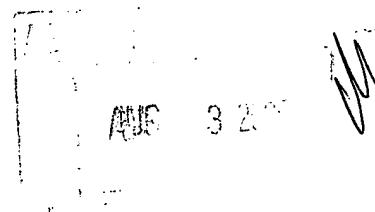
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/15/2005
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- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- **\$130** Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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